Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 27 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 28 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 26 Feb 2021 at 14:53 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mostly dry, settled weather over the weekend and into next week with lighter winds on the tops. Lower confidence in day to day cloud details.

Headline for Saturday 27 Feb 2021: Early rain soon clearing. Brightening up during morning. Some afternoon sunshine. Lighter winds on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 27 Feb 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Fog	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
20%	40%	50%	20%	10%	<05%	<05%	00%

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Weather: Cloudy first part of the morning with light rain at first, soon dying out. Then brightening up during the morning with some afternoon sunshine. This will produce glare from snow fields.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance at first improving 70% by the afternoon.

Visibility: Misty conditions for a time during the morning with clouds well down the hills. Visibility becoming very good later in the morning with clouds lifting and breaking up in the afternoon,

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	35/44 S	28/37 S	21/27 S	16/21 SW	17/23 SW	17/23 SW	16/21 S	14/19 S	14/19 S
900	25/35 S	19/28 SW	14/20 SW	12/16 SW	14/20 SW	14/20 SW	12/18 SW	11/17 SW	11/16 SW
600	34/43 S	29/36 S	18/23 SW	14/18 SW	15/21 SW	15/21 SW	15/20 SW	13/18 SW	13/17 S
300	15/25 S	14/23 SW	10/16 SW	7/11 SW	9/14 SW	9/15 SW	7/13 S	7/11 S	6/9 S
Glen	11/24 SW	13/25 SW	9/18 SW	7/14 SW	9/15 SW	9/16 SW	6/14 SW	4/8 SW	5/9 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-10	-0/-8	0/-6	0/-5	0/-6	0/-5	-1/-7	-1/-7	-2/-7
900	1/-6	2/-4	2/-3	2/-2	2/-2	3/-2	1/-4	1/-4	0/-4
600	4/-2	4/-2	4/-1	4/0	5/1	5/1	4/-1	3/-1	3/-1
300	7/3	6/2	6/3	6/4	7/5	8/5	6/4	5/3	5/3
Glen	8/4	7/4	7/4	8/5	9/7	9/7	7/5	6/5	6/4
Freezing Level*	1400m	1500m	1500m	1200m	1100m	1100m	1000m	1000m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note much lighter winds on the tops so less difficult walking conditions.

Forecast for Sunday 28 Feb 2021
Weather: Some mist and low cloud at first, dispersing during the morning. Otherwise dry and bright with sunny spells. There will be strong sun glare from the snow cover.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly winds with average speeds of 15mph and gusts 30mph on the tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% improving 90% by afternoon.

Visibility: Banks of mist and low cloud at first, gradually dispersing during morning. Otherwise very good with only a few patches of cloud on the tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius rising to 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1000m.

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